

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 11-13 are directed to the subject matter of claims 3, 4 (prior to the amendment of August 18, 2003), and 12, which were canceled in the parent application. They have been rewritten as new claims for convenience.

Proposed revisions of Figs. 1, 3, 4(c), 5 and 6 and a new Fig. 1A are submitted herewith for approval. These drawing changes were approved in the parent application.

An Information Disclosure Statement directed to the art of record in the parent application is submitted herewith.

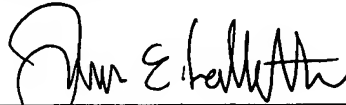
The specification has been amended to provide reference to and description of new Fig. 1A and to provide a reference to the parent application in the first paragraph of page 1.

For at least the reasons presented in the Responses filed in the parent application, it is respectfully submitted that the present claims are directed to allowable subject matter. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may be best resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to kindly

telephone the undersigned at the local, Washington D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Fig. 1

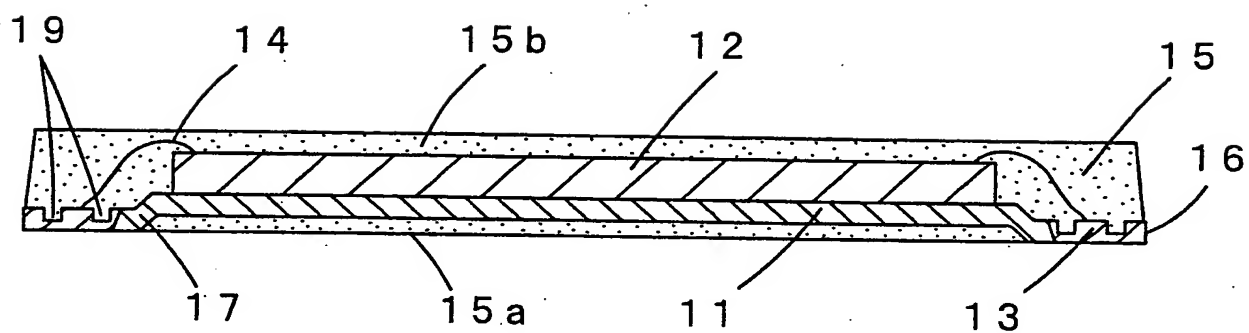


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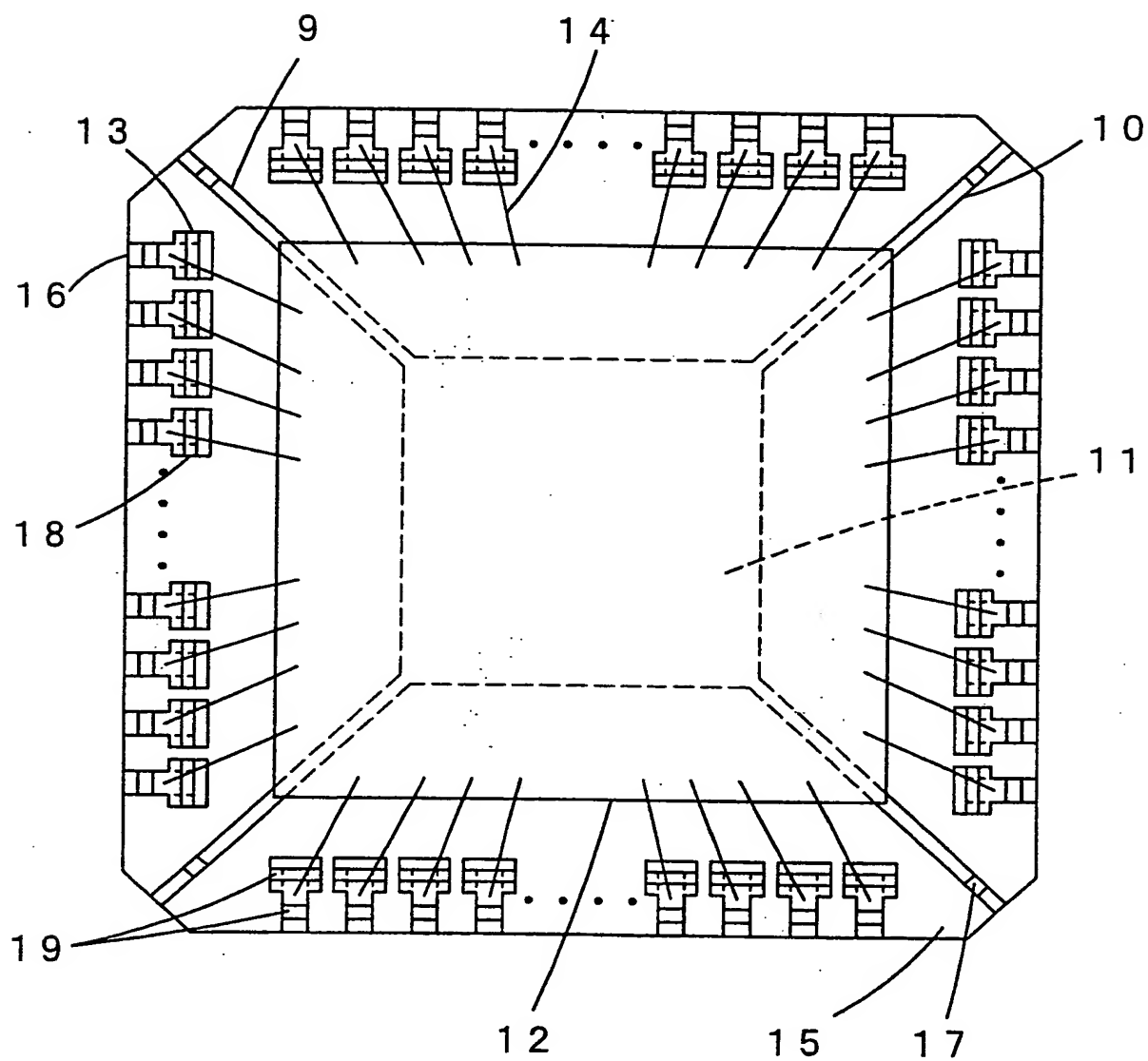
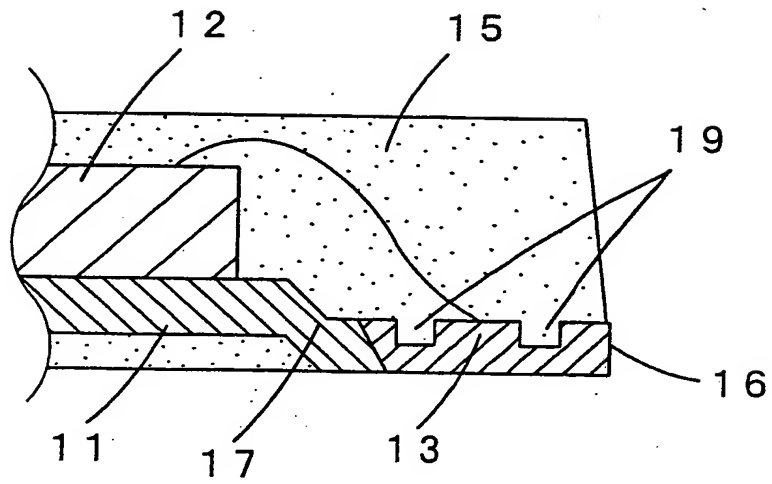
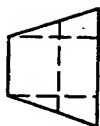


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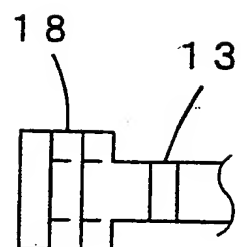


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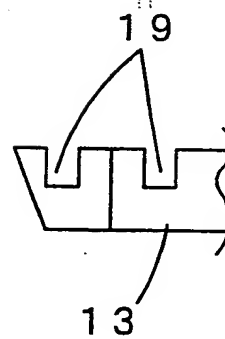
(b)



(a)



(c)



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